**People Living below Poverty Line**

45. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people and their percentage living below poverty line in the country as on 31st March, 1995. State wise details thereof; and

(b) the percentage of minorities out of the total population who are living below the poverty line at present State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAVA): (a) the number and percentage of people living below the poverty line in the country are estimated by the Planning Commission on the basis of quinquennial survey on consumer expenditure made by the National Sample Survey Organisation. The latest such estimates are available for the year 1987-88. No comparable estimates are available for subsequent years.

(b) the estimates of poverty are not made separately for minority group of the population.

**Capital Investment in Super Bazar**

46. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total capital investment made by the Super Bazar Consumer Society, New Delhi during the last three years;

(b) the total amount paid as interest on public bank and other borrowings/private loan during this period;

(c) the net sales during this period, branch-wise;

(d) the profits earned and losses incurred during this period, branch-wise;

(e) whether the performance of Super Bazar has been found to be satisfactory;

(f) if not, the steps/measures taken to improve it;

(g) whether Government have reformulated its policy for functioning of Super Bazar; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) It has been reported by the Super Bazar that the capital investment made by them during the last 3 years are as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

| Year-end | Gross value of fixed assets | Shares and fixed deposits |
|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 498.75 | 113.26 |
| 1993-94 | 645.58 | 151.66 |
| 1994-95 | 723.82 | 128.09 |

(b) During the last 3 years Super Bazar has paid interest to the extent of Rs.20.36 lakhs. 30.02 lakhs and 26.72 lakhs respectively on Govt. loans and bank overdraft.

(c) and (d) Super Bazar has reported that their accounts do not facilitate working out of branch-wise net profits. The total sale and net profit to Super Bazar as a whole during the last 3 years are as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

| Year | Sales | Net Profit deposits |
|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 103,03.98 | 10.83 |
| 1993-94 | 115.20.33 | 41.65 |
| 1994-95 | 130,15.23 | 22.11 |